

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Robert J. Svoboda on November 28, 2007.

The application has been amended as follows:

line 1 KW 2/8/08
In claim 51, insert – the – before "pH."

line 1 KW 2/8/08
In claim 52, delete "at least."

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In claim 54, delete "at least."

line 2 KW 2/8/08
In claim 55, delete "supplied to the system" and insert – introduced into the sulfuric acid – in its place.

line 2 KW 2/8/08
In claim 59, delete "greater."

Cancel claim 61.

line 9 KW 2/8/08
In claim 65, step 4, delete "4." and insert – 4) – in its place.

line 1 KW 2/8/08
In claim 66, delete "at least."

line 2 KW 2/8/08
In claim 68, delete "greater."

line 3 KW 2/8/08
In claim 69, delete "1.)" and insert – 1) – in its place and delete "4.)" and insert – 4) – in its place.